

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016

BURTON M. CROSS BUILDING, ROOM 208
CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, ME

Commission Members Present: William Varney, Chair, Gary Reed, William McFarland, Michael Graham and Alexander Willette

Staff Members Present: Ron Guay, AAG, Henry Jennings, Carol Gauthier, Betty Farr, Miles Greenleaf, Dennis May and Commissioner Walter Whitcomb

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions: William Varney, Chair

2. Approval of the Executive Director

Mr. Jennings handed out to the Commission members a letter from Commissioner Whitcomb. Commissioner Whitcomb read the letter into the record of the appointment of the executive director of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission. He stated that Henry Jennings has been appointed as the executive director of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission. Commissioner Willette made a motion to approve Commissioner Whitcomb's appointment of Henry Jennings as the executive director of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission. Commissioner Reed seconded. Vote 5-0.

3. Adjudicatory Hearings:

1. RE: Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 275-D and 275-N and Commission Rule, Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the License Renewal Applications from the following Off-Track Betting Facilities for Calendar Year 2017:

- a. Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Favorites OTB, Waterville
- b. Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Sanford OTB, Sanford
- c. Midcoast OTB, Inc., Winners OTB, Brunswick
- d. LRI, Inc., Winners Circle, Lewiston

2. RE: Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271, § 275-N and Commission Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the following applications for live racing license renewals for calendar year 2017:

- a. Northern Maine Fair Association, Presque Isle; Fair Meet
- b. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society, Topsham; Fair Meet
- c. Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan; Fair Meet
- d. Union Fair Society, Union; Fair Meet
- e. Windsor Fair, Windsor; Fair Meet
- f. Oxford County Agricultural Society; Oxford Fair, Oxford; Fair Meet
- g. Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair, Farmington; Fair Meet
- h. Cumberland Farmers Club, Cumberland Fair, Cumberland; Fair Meet and Extended Meet
- i. West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg; Fair Meet
- j. HC Bangor, LLC; Bangor Raceway; Commercial Meet

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3. **RE: Full Card Simulcast Authorization:**
 - a. HC Bangor, LLC d/b/a Bangor Raceway, Bangor
4. **RE:** Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271, § 275-N and Commission Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the following applications for live racing license renewals for calendar year 2017:
 - a. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs, Scarborough; Commercial Meet
5. **RE: Full Card Simulcast Authorization:**
 - a. Davric Maine Corporation d/b/a Scarborough Downs, Scarborough
6. **RE:** Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271 and MHRC Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the request for Assignment of Race Dates for calendar year 2017 for the following applicants:
 - a. Northern Maine Fair Association; Fair Meet 6
 - b. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society; Topsham Fair, Fair Meet 5
 - c. Skowhegan State Fair, Fair Meet 7
 - d. Union Fair Society; Union Fair; Fair Meet 5
 - e. Windsor Fair; Fair Meet 9
 - f. Oxford County Agricultural Society; Oxford Fair; Fair Meet 4
 - g. Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair; Fair Meet 7
 - h. Cumberland Farmers Club; Cumberland Fair; Fair Meet 7
 - i. Cumberland Farmers Club; Extend Meet 1
 - j. West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair; Fair Meet 6
 - k. HC Bangor, LLC; Bangor Raceway; Commercial Meet 50
 - l. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs; Commercial Meet 101

The transcript of the hearing for assignment of race days, license renewals, OTB's, and full card simulcast authorization is available at the Maine State Harness Racing Commission office.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2016. Commissioner McFarland seconded. Vote 4-0.

Reports:

None.

New Business:

None.

Other Business:

None.

Date of Next Meeting:

December 15, 2016

Adjourn:

3:37 p.m.